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ACHIEVEMENTS*

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Two of the loveliest pictures I have seen the past year were pictures of 4-H club girls and their mothers sharing experiences and pleasures of club work together.

The background for the first picture was a musical and tea given by the home demonstration agents in one of our counties to the mothers, local leaders, and 4-H girls one Saturday afternoon in June. All the social graces that our girls enjoy were on parade at that tea. The program was built entirely around our State program in music - Folk Songs.

The home demonstration agent told, in brief, the story of each folk song before it was sung or played by a group of musicians who were especially invited to make their contribution on the program. Some of the most familiar songs were sung together by the entire group. Everyone left that party feeling that good music must be a definite part of club work.

The second picture had for its background one of our Maryland country homes. In this home the mother and the young daughter 15 years of age are copartners in all club work. They had worked together on all club projects. Hundreds of canned products had been canned for winter use and stored on shelves. Mother and daughter were working together on the family food budget, the clothing budgets, and sharing a mutual interest in the cultural subjects that belong to all club work.

The picture I am trying to give you is the result that is to be expected when mothers and daughters plan and work together in club projects. Both adult and junior club work are strengthened when there is the combined interest in extension programs.

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The step between the 4-H Club and Homemakers' Club is a very short one. Both should have programs that parallel in interest so that when the 4-H girl feels she has outgrown the 4-H projects and wants to enlarge her club activities, she can become a member of a homemakers' club and continue to make her contribution in that organization.

It is so easy to plan club projects of mutual interest; for instance, a home-furnishing program should be planned around the needs of the home, in which all members of the family can express an opinion. No home-management program is complete without records, accounts kept, and more records. Only by such management can thrift be taught in the home. Club members should realize that a plan for wise spending is the only sure road to success.

Health is the greatest asset in life, and every club member can make a definite contribution to family living by knowing food values.

Clothing the family is really a problem unless mother and daughter work together on standards, buying, construction, and clothing records.

My last plan for this mutual interest in club work is for an understanding and appreciation of those tangible things needed for happiness in everyday life - good books, music that is lovely and sweet, pictures that we love to look at every day, like sunsets, the changing seasons, and the farm scenes that come at the close of the day in the still of the evening.
